



**U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Attorney's Office  
Western District of Texas**

**Johnny Sutton, U.S. Attorney**

---

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

[www.usdoj.gov/usao/txw/index.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/txw/index.html)

March 27, 2003

Daryl Fields, Public Affairs

610 N.W. Loop 410

San Antonio, Texas 78216

(210) 384-7440

**SAN ANTONIO WOMAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR BANK FRAUD**

*(San Antonio, Texas)* **U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced today that 34-year-old **CATHERINE M. PUTSCHE** a San Antonio bookkeeper was sentenced to 37 months in federal prison for bank fraud.

On October 18, 2002, Putsche pled guilty to two counts of bank fraud. From August 1998 through July 1999, Putsche was employed as chief bookkeeper by Morton Companies, Inc. in San Antonio. From April 2001 until April 2002, Putsche was employed as a property accountant by Troon Golf at Westin La Cantera. In her plea, Putsche admitted that during the period of time she worked for both companies she stole approximately \$210,000 by forging company checks and stealing cash deposits. Putsche further admitted that she altered the company books, forged bank statements and falsified deposit slips to conceal her fraudulent activity.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Karen Norris.

#####